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Diwan Bahadur R. N. Arogyaswami Mudaliyar :—" Is it the intention of Government only to carry out improvements to the upper supply channel and then to wait and see what further should be done ? "

The hon. Sir Norman Marjoribanks :—" We are carrying out the suggestions for improvement made by the Engineers. If these are found inadequate we shall see what more can be done."

Dr. B. S. Mallayya :—" May I know, Sir, if there is shortage of rain, what the Government are going to do for the supply of water ? "

The hon. Sir Norman Marjoribanks :—" That question I must leave to be answered by the hon. Member himself."

Central Record Office

Publications made by Mr. H. Dodwell as Curator of the Madras Record office.

* 586 *Q.*—Mr. Basheer Ahmad Sayeed : Will the hon. the Member for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) how long Mr. H. Dodwell was holding the post of Curator of the Madras Record office ;

(*b*) what were the publications that were published by him in respect of cataloguing, press listing, translation of Ananda Ranga Pillai Diary, printing of old records, etc. ; and

(*c*) who attended to the several duties connected with the Record office between 1908 to 1911 under publication, research and referencing ?

A.—(*a*) From April 1911 to March 1922.

(*b*) A complete list of the publications issued by Mr. Dodwell is not readily available.

(*c*) In 1908 a Superintendent was appointed to be in charge of the records under the Chief Secretary. In 1909, the Superintendent was placed under the general direction of Mr. C. M. Schmidt, who was then Inspector-General of Registration.

Preparation of the calendar after 1755 in the Record office.

* 587 *Q.*—Mr. Basheer Ahmad Sayeed : Will the hon. the Member for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether at present any calendar is being prepared in the Record office for the period after 1755 ;

(*b*) who prepared the manuscripts of the calendars and when ;

(*c*) in what stage it was left when the present Curator took charge of the office ;

(*d*) when the work will be completed ;

(*e*) whether it is a fact that except passing the proofs that are checked by the clerk on this duty, there is nothing else to be done under this head of work also ;

(*f*) when the manuscripts of calendars, if any after 1755, were sent to the press for printing ; and

(*g*) what is the delay due to, in not issuing this work till now ?